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1. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on 25 September 1951, Crossenhain airfield was observed from its northern, southern, and western borders. Visibility was about 10 km and the sky was almost clear. The 31 MiG-15s parked at the field had white-bordered Soviet stars and were fitted with a rod sloping to the rear which was connected with the tip of the rudder assembly by an antenna. (1)

2. [redacted] the two two-seater swept-back jet fighters differed from the single-seater MiG-15s by the following characteristics: the fuselage was round and thicker; the cabin which was covered by tarpaulins was considerably longer and higher than that of the MiG-15. It had a slanting front, rear sections, and a slightly round top. The craft was a mid-wing monoplane which had the upper edge of its wing about in line with the upper edge of the air intake. A white auxiliary fuel tank was mounted under the middle section of each wing. The rudder assembly appeared to be larger and slanting at an angle to the rear. [redacted] (2)

3. Three single-engine low-wing monoplanes fitted with radial engines and two seats in tandem continually made flights of up to 20 minutes duration between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. MiG-15s [redacted] were observed flying. The planes took off individually, flew to the northwest and returned from the southeast. There was no flying by the two-seater swept-back jet fighters.

4. The runway was extended to the west as far as the Crossenhain-Elsterwerda highway. However, the last stretch was not yet concreted. (3) Some of the planes used the road for turning. About 50 air force soldiers with baggage were observed marching from Cottbus Railroad Station in Crossenhain to the field. (4)

Comments. (1) [redacted] two jet fighter regiments are stationed at the field. [redacted] not been able to determine the number of aircraft available there. From information received, it is believed that about 60 MiG-15s, some Yak-11s and PC-2s are stationed there. (2) Comprehensive information on the features distinguishing the configurations of one- and two-seater MiG-15s is not available. A sketch [redacted] proved rather useless even in connection with the description given

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- (3) The extension of the northwestern section of the runway which previously was 2,200 meters long is reported for the first time.

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the runway was extended by 20 to 30 meters at most. This extension would be immaterial for the take-off of aircraft.

- (4) The 50 air force soldiers probably were replacements or soldiers returning from leave. There are no indications that a new unit arrived at the field.

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